



Week 10: Risk & Risk Risk Management-L2

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- A bit of a recap
- Some things about the last weeks
- Risk what it is and what to look out for
- Risk processes
- Risk management
- Risk Assessment & Control
- Crisis Management
- Summary



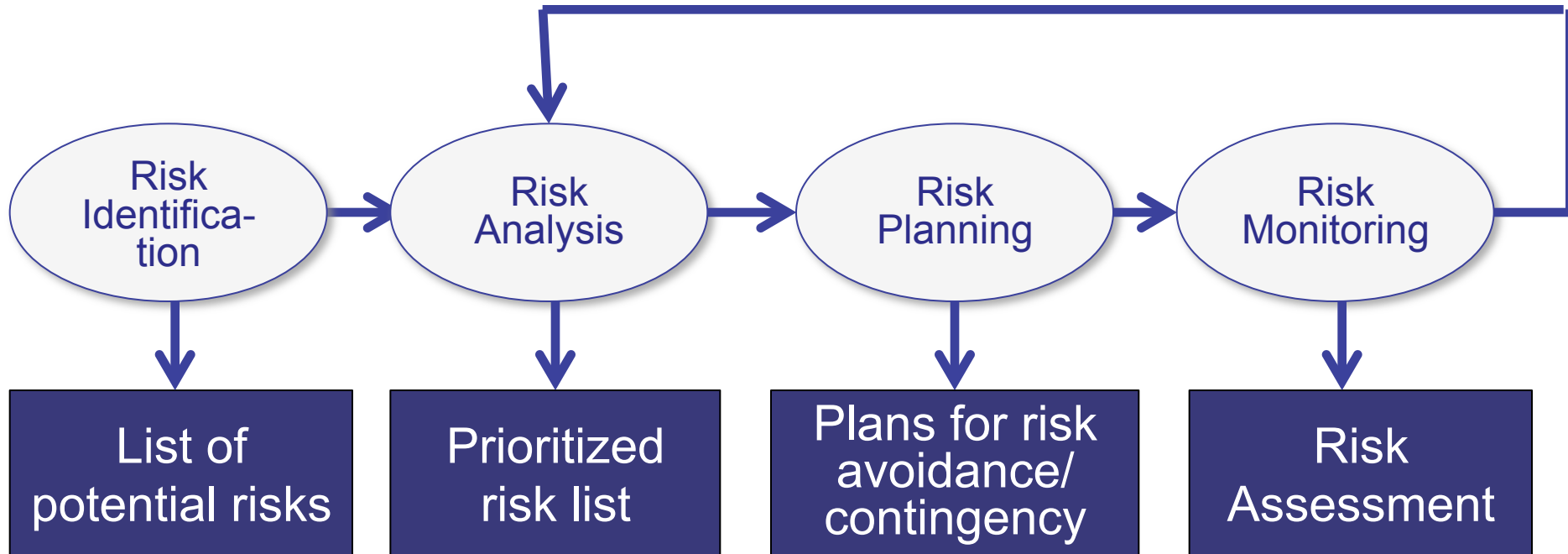
THE RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS



- Important b/c of uncertainties in SW development
- Need to anticipate risk,
- Understand impact of risk on project, product and business
- Take steps to avoid risks
- Draw up contingency plans

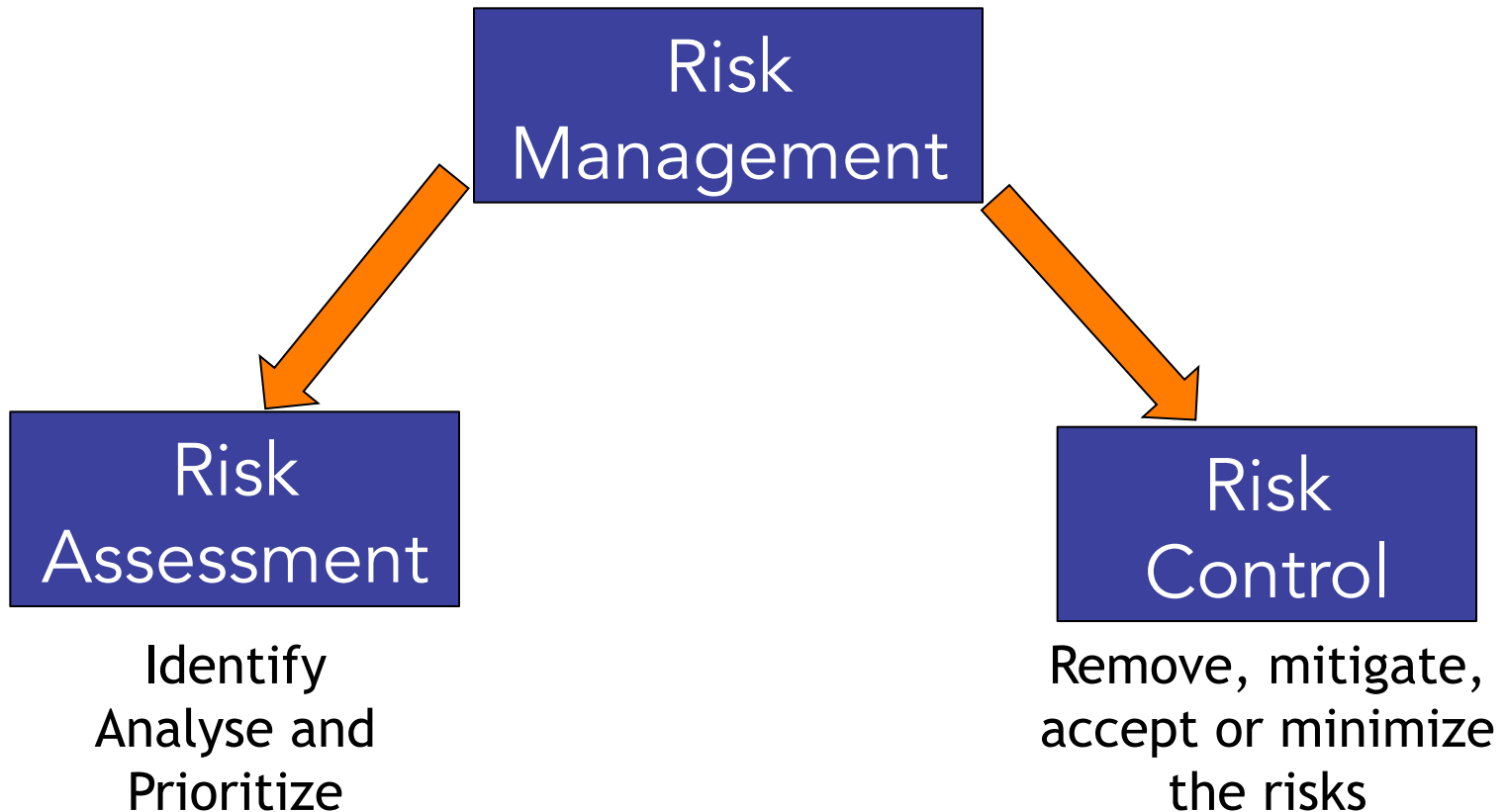


Risk Management Process



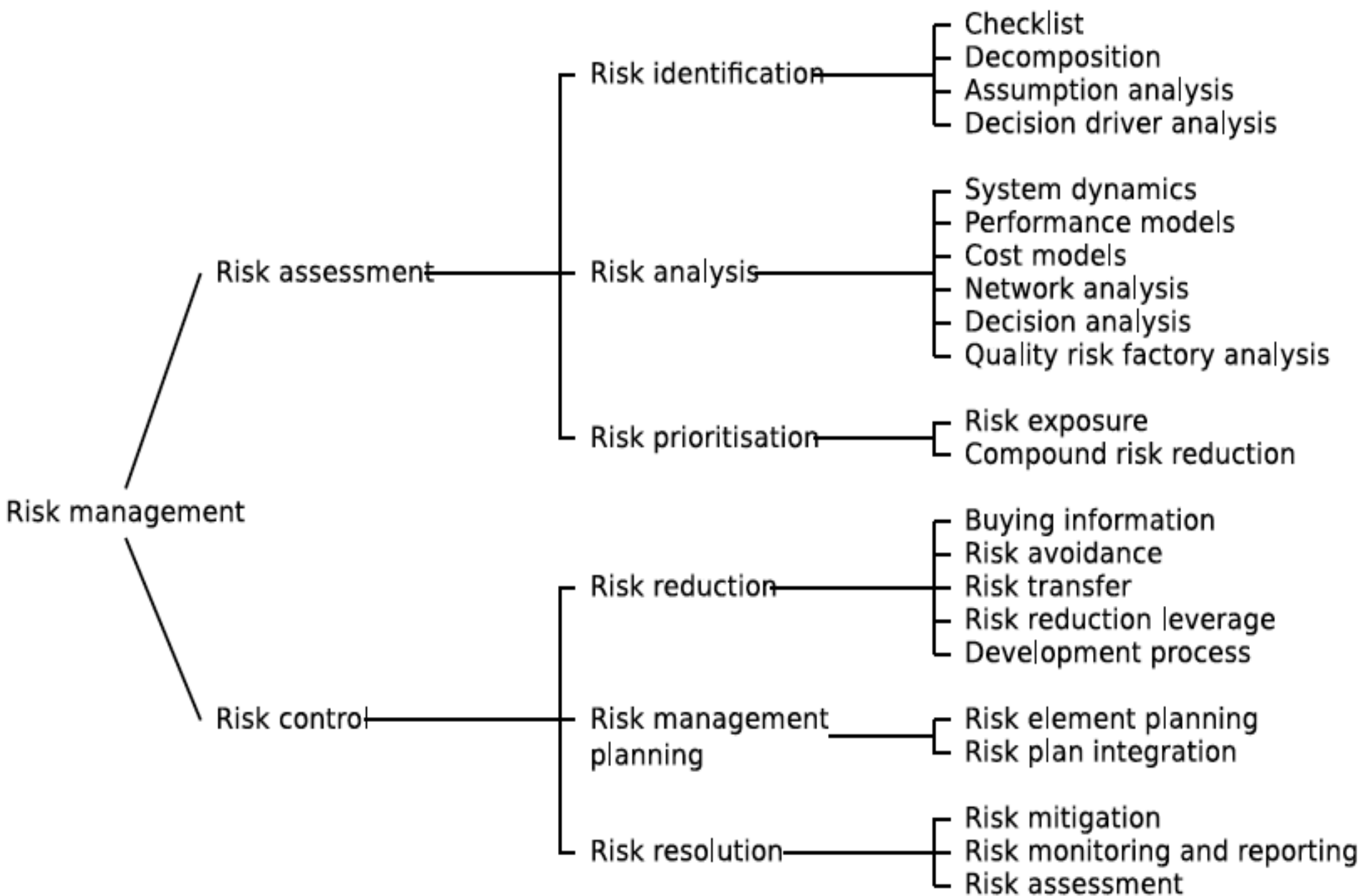


Performing RM





Identifying Risks





Risk is everywhere - 1

- All PM is risk management
- Software testing is 'risky'
- SLDC models mitigate risk, localizes to a phase/stage
- *Generic risks*
- Every process in a SE project mitigates risk



Risk is everywhere - 2

- Some risks specific to a project
- E.g using a 3rd party application from a vendor
- *Specific risks*
- Risk Manager role → assess and control risks
- SE process to control risks

Risk identification



pondering



Interviews/
surveys/
questionnaires



checklist



brainstorming



- Some authors → treat risk assessment as fun.
- Will improve risk management
- Need to avoid risks seen as a bad thing
- Encourage positive thinking
- Opportunities to find risks



HAZOP study - identifies hazards and risks in a process or operation

Combines key driven risk assessment, brainstorming & pondering

HAZOP proceeds with applying a set of *keywords*
To a set of *parameters*

Each keyword a deviation of the design intent
Parameters depend on the domain - “*what if*”



HAZOP guidewords

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HAZOP study report

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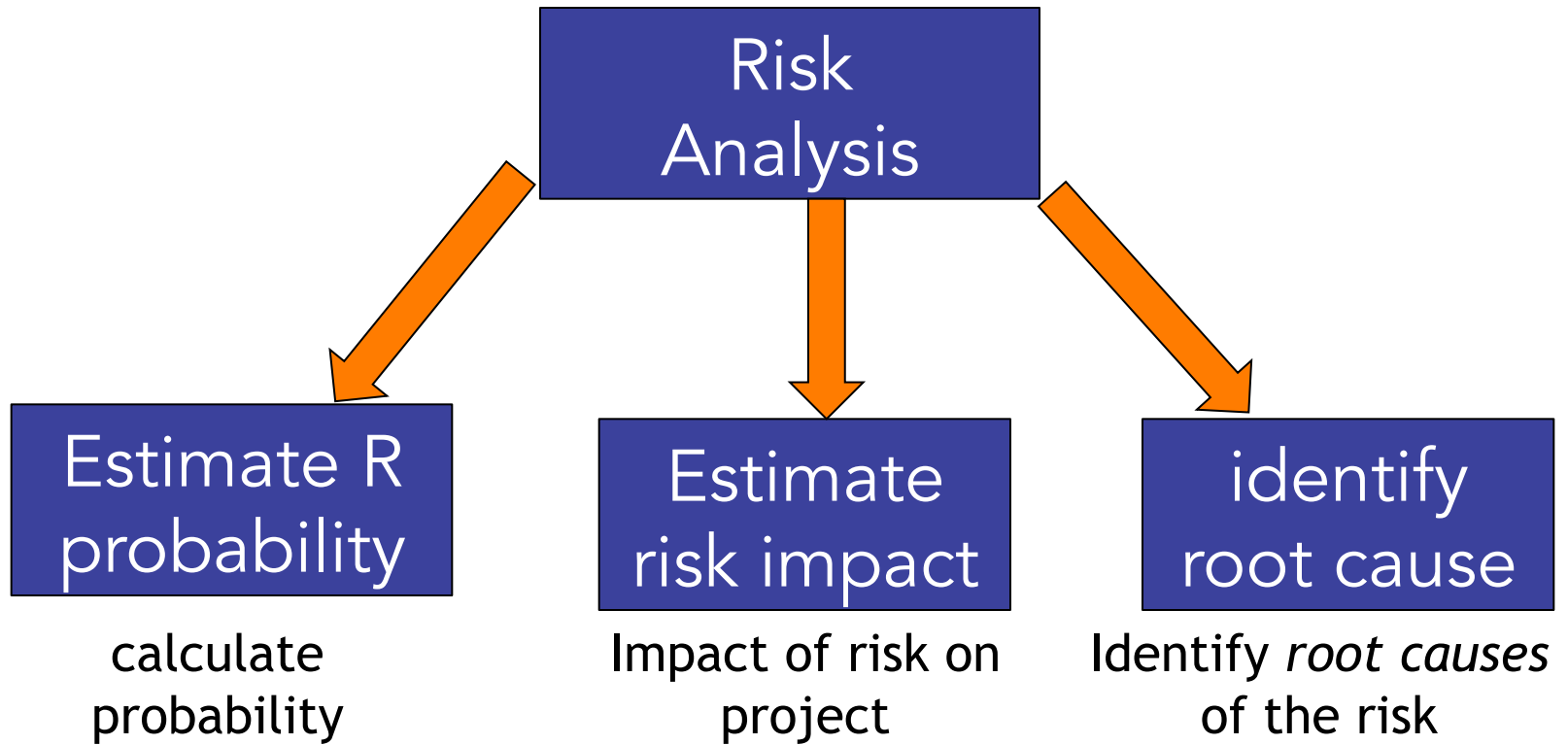
Guideword	Interpretation	Possible Causes	Consequences
MORE	Vendor delivers additional functionality to what was expected.	Additional functionality desired by other users.	A license for the software may cost more than expected.
LESS	Some expected functionality missing.	Misunderstanding of customer base by vendor. Misunderstanding of the vendors intentions by the project team.	Package will not be sufficient for the needs of the project. Additional functionality will need to be developed in house.
OTHER THAN	Package delivers functionality completely inconsistent with expectations.	Misunderstanding of the vendors intentions by the project team.	Another package will need to be sourced or developed in house.
EARLY	Vendor delivers the package prior to expected date.	Vendor is well-organised.	Some activities can be brought forward in the schedule.
LATE	Vendor delivers the package after the expected date.	Inaccurate planning by vendor. Problems may exist with the package.	Some activities will be delayed.



Risks ANALYSIS



Risk Management (RM)





Prioritizing Risk - 1

- Final step is to *prioritize risk*
- Use a quantifiable scale for risk impact
- Gives a total order b/w risks based on
 - *Risk exposure*
- Risk prioritization is AS EASY as calculating the exposure
- Rank the higher exposure risks as
 - *Higher priority*



Prioritizing Risk - 2

- Higher priority risks require more attention and control than lower priority
- Make decisions wisely, part of the project
 - e.g. \$10K loss for one project end in developers loosing jobs and company filing bankrupt but another loss not noticed



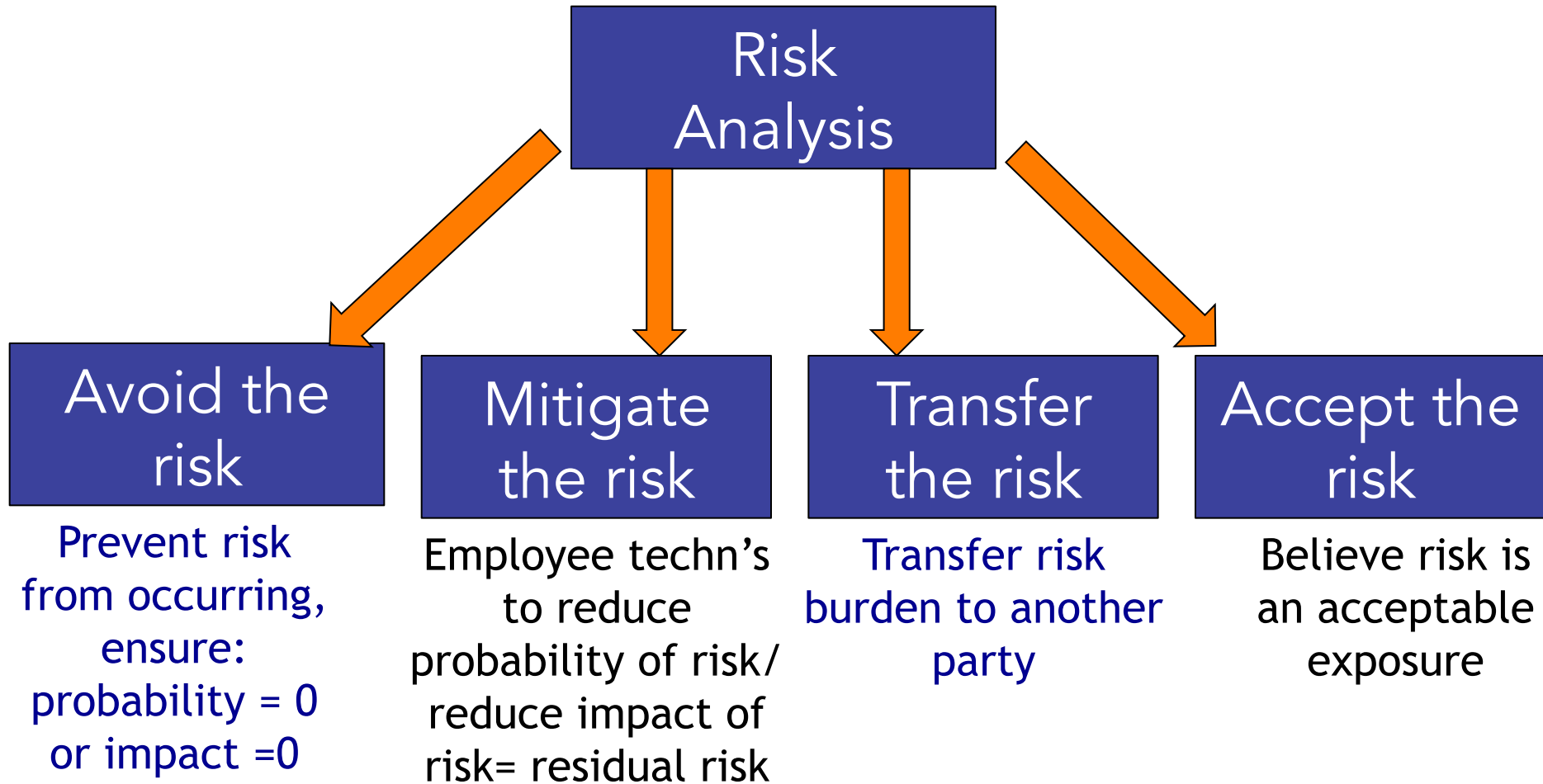
- Identify risks → then
 - Classify and
 - place in a risk register/log
- **WHY CLASSIFY ?**



Risk CONTROL



Risk Management (RM)





Risk reduction leverage

- Used to assess the *effectiveness* or risk control

Risk reduction leverage

=

Initial Risk exposure – residual risk exp.
Cost of Risk reduction



Risk reduction leverage

- If < 1 then cost of implementing risk is higher than the benefit gained from it so not cost effective enough to implement
- So find a cost effective alternative or risk will have to be accepted
- **higher the risk reduction leverage the more cost effective**



Risk reduction leverage-1

- Outcomes based on some estimates:
 - 1) Critical fault is found – need further debugging and development.
Est loss is \$0.5M
 - 2) Critical fault, but not found. Cost higher
Est loss is \$5M
 - 3) No critical fault in the system, Loss is \$0
(estimate these probabilities)



- 1) Probability no fault = 20%
- 2) Being a fault and finding it = 75% if doing regression testing but only 25% if not found
- 3) Critical fault and NOT finding it is 5% if doing regression testing but 55% if we do not
- 4) Regression testing est. = \$1.25M



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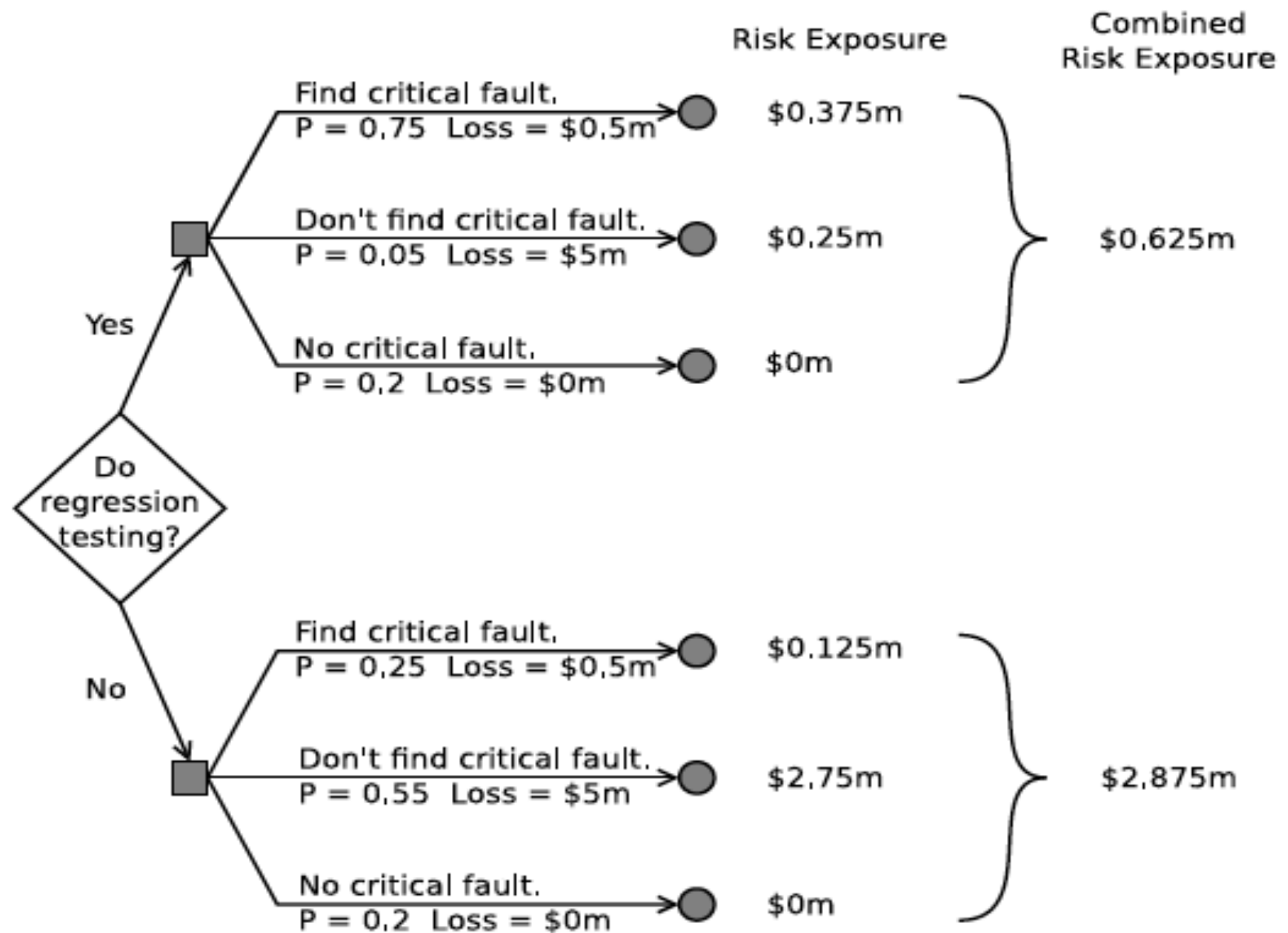
Risk reduction leverage

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\$2.875M - \$0.625M

\$1.25M

= 1.8





CRISIS Management



- Different from Risk Management

Process of dealing with an UNPREDICTED event that has a negative impact

- 1) Positive impact not considered and
- 2) The event is *unprecited*



QUESTIONS ?

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